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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented polyester film wherein a microscopic Raman crystallization index  $I_c$  measured in the thickness direction of said film is in a range of  $8\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $15\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $[[a]]$  the difference between the maximum value and the minimum value of said  $I_c$  is  $1\text{ cm}^{-1}$  or less.

2. (currently amended) The biaxially oriented polyester film according to claim 1, wherein  $[[a]]$  the difference between the maximum value and the minimum value of a microscopic Raman crystallization index  $I_c$  measured in the plane direction of said film is  $1\text{ cm}^{-1}$  or less.

3 - 4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The biaxially oriented polyester film according to claim 1, wherein the sum of Young's modulus in the longitudinal direction and Young's modulus in the transverse direction is in a range of 11,000 to 15,000 MPa.

6. (previously presented) The biaxially oriented polyester film according to claim 1, wherein polyester is polyethylene

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terephthalate.

7. (previously presented) The biaxially oriented polyester film according to claim 1, wherein said film is used as a base film for a magnetic recording medium according to a linear recording system.

8. (previously presented) The biaxially oriented polyester film according to claim 1, wherein said film is used as a base film for a magnetic recording medium of a double layer metal coated digital recording type.

9 - 12. (canceled)